

FLORENCE TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION MINUTES
Public Hearing on April 14, 2021

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jolynne Marsh at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was a public hearing to amend the Florence Township Zoning Resolution for Article 8.3, Section 8 and Article 8.4, Section 2. Members present: Jolynne Marsh, Dan Sayler, Jeff Blodgett, Milt Sayler and Tammy McLoda. Absent: Richard Woodin. Also present: Jeff Fantozzi, Zoning Inspector and Trustees John Krumwiede and Bill Turnbull.

Dan Sayler made the motion, seconded by Milt Sayler to approve the minutes from March 10, 2021. Roll Call: Jolynne Marsh, yes; Dan Sayler, yes, Mr. Blodgett, yes; Milt Sayler, yes, Ms. McLoda, yes. Motion passed.

The secretary read the two proposed text amendments to the Zoning Resolution:

Article 8.3, Section 8—Contents of Application for Zoning Map Amendment

Assistant Prosecutor Susan Brown explained that in Article 8.3, Section 8, Contents of Application for Zoning Map Amendment, the phrase *“and others that may have a substantial interest in the case”* can be removed from our Resolution and is not needed. She stated *“This is extra language and may have a negative effect; we have a strong language using 500 feet”* when listing the parties of interest to be notified on our applications.

Current language for Article 8.3, Section 8:

“A list of all property owners and their mailing addresses who are within, contiguous to, or directly across the street from the parcel(s) proposed to be rezoned and others that may have a substantial interest in the case, except that addresses need not be included where more than ten (10) parcels are to be rezoned.”

Proposed language for Article 8.3, Section 8:

“A list of all property owners and their mailing addresses who are within, contiguous to, or directly across the street from the parcel(s) proposed to be rezoned, except that addresses need not be included where more than (10) parcels are to be rezoned.”

Article 8.4, Section 2—Contents of Application for Zoning Text Amendment

Assistant Prosecutor Susan Brown stated that she had a concern that she called Regional Planning about. Tim King was not aware of this language in Article 8.4, Section 2: *“The proposed amending resolution, approved as to form by the County Prosecutor.”* She explained that *“We as lawyers do not represent private citizens; it is in conflict with the township’s interest.”* Ms. Brown recommends that we remove this language above with a text amendment.

Current language for Article 8.4 Section 2:

2) *“The proposed amending resolution, approved as to form by the County Prosecutor.”*

Proposed language for Article 8.4 Section 2:

Remove above language in Article 8.4 Section 2.

The secretary read the recommendation from Erie Regional Planning Commission into the record. Mr. Tim King stated that he had *“reviewed the proposed text amendments to the Florence Township Zoning Resolution, specifically, Article 8.3, Section 8—Contents of Application for Zoning Map Amendment and Article 8.4, Section 2—Contents of Application for Zoning Text Amendment. As these proposed changes have been recommended by the Erie County Prosecutor’s Office, this office has no objections to approval of same.”*

Ms. Marsh asked the board if anyone had any thoughts or questions on the two proposed amendments or the recommendation from Erie Regional Planning Commission. There were no comments from the board.

There were no questions or concerns from the audience.

Milt Sayler made the motion, seconded by Mr. Blodgett to submit the proposed amendments as well as the recommendation from ERPC to the Township Trustees for their public hearing. Roll Call: Jolynne Marsh, yes; Dan Sayler, yes, Mr. Blodgett, yes; Milt Sayler, yes, Ms. McLoda, yes. Motion passed.

Dan Sayler made the motion, seconded by Milt Sayler to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call: Jolynne Marsh, yes; Dan Sayler, yes, Mr. Blodgett, yes; Milt Sayler, yes, Ms. McLoda, yes. Motion passed.

The next Zoning Commission meeting will be announced.

Mary E. Morog, Secretary